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44. (Amended) A method of producing a security item according to claim 18,  
comprising the step of:

B2 providing a security item with a security element having at least one photoluminescent  
segment with linearly polarized luminescence, wherein the segment has a dichroic ratio of 5 or  
more in emission.

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56. (Amended) A method of producing a security item according to claim 30,  
comprising the step of:

B3 providing an object with a security element having at least one photoluminescent  
segment with a linearly polarized absorption.

Please add the following new claims:

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70. A security item according to claim 30, wherein the segment has a dichroic ratio of  
2 or more in absorption.

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71. A method of producing a security item of claim 56, wherein the segment has a  
dichroic ratio of 2 or more in absorption.